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Subject: **Serial No.: 09/280,528**

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/280,528
Our Docket #E-831

Enclosed please find the Amendment in response to an Office Action mailed July 30, 2003, together with the Amendment Transmittal Letter.
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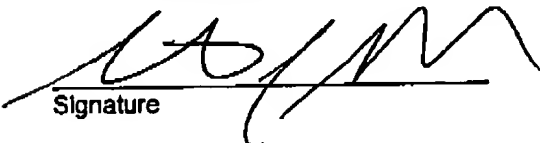
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In re patent application of:) Date: October 30, 2003
 Robert A. Cordery et al.) Attorney Docket No.: E-831
 Serial No.: 09/280,528) Customer No.: 00919
 Filed: March 30, 1999) Group Art Unit: 3629
 Confirmation No.:) Examiner: Thomas A. Dixon
 Title: METHOD FOR CERTIFYING PUBLIC KEYS USED TO SIGN
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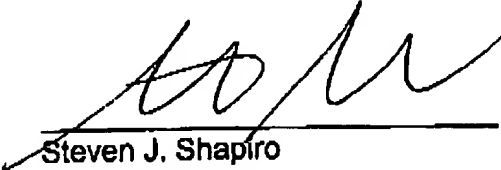
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | - | Highest Number Previously Paid For | = | Number of Extra Claims Present | X | Rate | = | Additional Fee |
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